

CONFESSES PRIEST'S MURDER

BOY KILLED FATHER ASCENCIO IN CENTRAL PARK.

Son of Wealthy Dominican Says He Was in a Rage at Priest's Depravity, Shot Him and Robbed Him—Got Away Easily—Coroner Said It Was a Suicide.

Enrique De Lara, a sixteen-year-old Dominican, son of one of the wealthiest merchants in the republic and possessed of large resources for the gratification of his pleasures, broke down in Police Headquarters last night after arrest and confessed that it was he who shot Arturo Ascencio, the priest from Santo Domingo who was found lying wounded in Central Park on September 14 and who died two days later in the Presbyterian Hospital.

The boy said that he had killed the priest because of the priest's depravity. He maintained stoutly that he had had occasion to become so disgusted with the priest while alone with him in Central Park on the night of September 14 that in a rage he had shot him, then robbed him and walked away after telling a park attendant that the body of a murdered man lay back in the bushes.

Though nervous almost to the point of being unable to speak, young De Lara managed to get through a complete story of his movements both prior to the shooting and subsequently. He is slight, almost delicate of features and cultured in appearance. There is just the suspicion of the negro blood in his face. When the detectives arrested him last night at 237 West 112th street he wore expensive clothing.

His father, so the boy said, was one of the wealthy wholesale merchants in Santo Domingo, owning a string of stores in England, France, Germany and the islands. De Lara said that he had always had a great deal of money to spend and that after he had gone through a preliminary education in the islands he had been sent to school in Bremen, Germany. Father Ascencio was found on the night of September 14 behind the bookhouse in the park. He had been shot in the back of the head. He was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital in a dying condition. While he was there he steadfastly refused to make any statement. He died and Coroner's Physician Schultz decided from the nature of the pistol wound that the priest had committed suicide.

The priest was identified the afternoon before he died by the proprietor of the Hotel Inglaterra, at 219 West Fourteenth street, where he had been living since he came to New York. When the name of the wounded man became known Detective Dimmesdale of Headquarters remembered that on August 30 Ascencio had called at Headquarters and had complained to him that he had been robbed of \$180 and two very valuable watches.

The money and watches had been taken from his trunk in the hotel, the priest said, and he did not want to go back to Santo Domingo without the watches, because they belonged to friends. He would kill himself if they were not recovered, the priest threatened.

Capt. Carey and Detective Dimmesdale were told by the hotel proprietor that the last he had seen of Ascencio was on the afternoon of September 14, when the priest left the hotel in the company of Alex. Penzo, a Santo Domingo merchant. The detectives found Penzo, who told them that at 7:30 o'clock on the night of the 14th the priest had left him, saying that he had to go uptown to see a woman at 110th street and Eighth avenue.

In the priest's room at the hotel the detectives found a card bearing the single name "Hechtman" and the address "237 West 110." They followed that lead and found at 237 West 112th street a Mrs. Louis Hechtman, keeper of a boarding house. Mrs. Hechtman told the detectives that she had known the priest slightly and that he had called there to see a young Dominican whose name was De Lara.

The detectives caught out De Lara and from him gained ready answers to all their questions. The boy said that he and Ascencio had come up from Santo Domingo together on the steamer Yumuri (recently wrecked) leaving Porto Plata for Baltimore, where they arrived on August 15.

The boy said that the priest left him there and that he had come on to New York with his cousin, Treflio De Lara. His cousin had introduced him to Mrs. Hechtman and he had obtained rooms there. De Lara said. The priest had been to see him and to call upon Mrs. Hechtman several times since his arrival, De Lara added.

Without the least suspicion that they had been talking to one they would eventually the detectives went out and found somebody who had seen De Lara with a fine watch. From the same source the detectives learned that the boy had been seen with a revolver. After the detectives discovered that the boy had been seen with the watch they went back to Mrs. Hechtman's house at 237 West 112th street and talked with De Lara. He came downstairs. Capt. Carey asked him if he owned a revolver. The boy said that he did not. Asked if he owned a watch he gave the same answer. The boy became nervous and made many gestures.

Capt. Carey then arrested the boy. A search of his room revealed the pawn ticket for his watch and the other watches. The priest. It showed that the articles had been pawned six days after the murder had been committed.

De Lara was questioned in Spanish and English. The boy was more nervous than ever.

De Lara said that he had known the priest from his school days at Bremen. His father had helped support the priest's diocese at Monte Cristi, Santo Domingo. He had come to this country from the West Indies with the priest on the steamer Yumuri. They had been together a great deal of the time. Once in this city they went to many places of amusement. He learned that the priest had made the acquaintance of many women in this city.

STREET REMEMBERS HASKELL

IT COST MILLIONS TO KNOW BRYAN'S TREASURER.

At a Railroad That Busts Up With Never a Dividend Is a Predatory Corporation Then He Promoted Predatory Corporations in Ohio—Bill Paid Here.

Members of several Wall Street banking houses added a little yesterday to the rapidly developing fund of information concerning the past operations of Gov. Charles N. Haskell of Oklahoma, holder of the purse for the Bryan campaign. The bankers signed as they recalled Gov. Haskell, for their acquaintance with him some years ago cost the group to what he confided his plans between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. The general opinion of the bankers was that they lost their money through Haskell's ignorance and not through any dishonest act.

Among the banking houses affected were J. S. Bach & Co., E. L. Oppenheim & Co. and F. J. Liman & Co. The Bachs firm is said to have lost \$300,000, while E. L. Oppenheim & Co. were out about half that. The losses resulted from the purchase of \$1,104,000 worth of bonds of the Lima and Northern Railroad and \$2,002,000 bonds of the Detroit and Lima Northern. The bankers thought so well of the bonds after they had talked with Mr. Haskell that they subscribed for the bonds themselves and didn't let the public in.

The bankers weren't anxious to be quoted on their experiences, but Edward L. Oppenheim, who was one of the first bankers to meet Haskell when he came here as the attorney for Receiver Saul of the Ohio Southern Railroad, said: "As to my financial experience, I have been in business ventures with Gov. Haskell which cost me a lot of money. I have nothing to say against him, however. I remember being a guest in Gov. Haskell's box at the big Gold Democratic meeting in Madison Square Garden in 1896, where Bourke Cockran and Perry Belmont made rattling speeches against Bryan. Mr. Haskell apparently approved of the attacks on Bryan, for he was on his feet, waving his hat and cheering almost constantly."

One banker who knew Haskell from the time he first struck Wall Street was willing to tell what he remembered of the Governor's various promotions. He said: "When Haskell was first introduced to us he was trying to reorganize the Ohio Southern, which had failed through the mismanagement of Saul, the president, who was a disciple of Napoleon Ives. For some years previous Haskell had been taking care of a small law practice in Ohio, and his chief client was the Ohio Southern. His chief recommendation to us was that he had been looking after the railroad holdings of the Astors in Ohio for years, and his manner of talking impressed us."

"Soon after Haskell got here he looked up Gen. Samuel Thomas, father of E. R. Thomas, because Gen. Thomas was a heavy investor in Ohio railroad properties. Haskell's idea was to build an extension to the Ohio Southern from its northern terminus at Lima. He pictured to us the future of the company if it should extend its line to the Great Lakes, which would give the road traffic both ways, whereas at that time it had nothing but northbound freight."

"Gen. Thomas believed that the Ohio Southern would be better off if it combined with some of his railroad properties, and in the light of developments he was right. Haskell couldn't see it that way, and persuaded us to go on and build. As a result the road was extended northward to Adrian, Mich., and thence to Detroit. In the meantime Haskell got the idea that he was a great railroad builder, and it was impossible for any of his associates to keep him within bounds. The entire extension was about 200 miles and it cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a mile. The bond issue went for \$25, and none of us would sell any. The stock brought \$14 at one time. After the extension was built the road became the Lima and Northern, then the Detroit and Lima Northern and eventually the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton.

"I found Haskell to be a man of very little ability, and I believe that his gross ignorance was his worst fault. Haskell never robbed me—I was simply a damn fool to trust my money to his promotion. He built the railroad too far ahead of the country's requirements."

E. R. Thomas became president of the Detroit and Lima Northern. The \$3,286,000 bond issue of the Lima and Northern Railway and its successor the Detroit and Lima Northern, which was brought out by Gov. Haskell, were traded in 1901 at par for common stock in the Detroit and Southern, successor of the former. The shares never sold above \$20.

In 1904 the holders of the common stock of the Detroit Southern traded it at a premium of \$4 a share for 40 per cent. of the second preferred stock of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton, which went into the hands of a receiver last February. At present the original bonds are next to worthless.

ESTHER HILBERT A SUICIDE.

Girl's Body Found in Woods With Revolver by Her Side.

CHATEAUX, Mass., Sept. 22.—The body of Esther A. Hilbert, the nineteen-year-old girl who disappeared from her mother's home a week ago last Sunday, was found to-day in the woods a mile from her home and as far from a road.

She had evidently committed suicide, as a revolver belonging to her home was found lying by her side.

Her parents are unable to advance any reason for suicide.

Miss Hilbert was a daughter of John C. Hilbert, ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lansdown, Pa. She was graduated from the high school at Springfield last June and was to enter the freshman class at Smith College last week.

A week ago last Sunday she packed her trunk, apparently in preparation for the trip to Northampton and at noon left the house. It was supposed she had gone for a walk and no anxiety was felt until nightfall, when she did not return.

Our Glorious Autumn is seen at its best from the Hudson River Day Line Steamers.—Ad.

GUN CREW BLOWN TO PIECES.

Fearful Disaster on French Cruiser—Turret Rent Apart When Gun Explodes.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

TORONTO, Sept. 22.—Either a shell or the gun itself burst to-day within the 7.5 inch gun turret of the armored cruiser Latouche-Treville, of the Hyeres Islands.

Twelve men were killed, two are dying and two are missing. The turret was blown to atoms.

The Hyeres Islands are just outside this port. They are the regular scene of gun practice for French naval vessels, and the Latouche-Treville was engaged in it when the disaster took place. Few details have as yet been made public, but it is said that the explosion was similar to that which occurred on the cruiser Corronne on August 12, in which six men were killed.

Gunners drill had been under way for some time when suddenly there was a frightful explosion. The turret was torn apart and pieces of human bodies were thrown in every direction. Steel splinters and sections of metal were hurled about the decks, and these missiles struck down many of the crew who were at work in the vicinity.

The gun that burst was of 7.5 inches bore. It is not known just what caused the accident, but it is supposed that the powder charge was prematurely exploded before the breach of the weapon had been locked.

Every member of the gun crew was killed. All the bodies were terribly mutilated, being literally blown to pieces.

The Latouche-Treville was laid down at Havre in 1893 and launched in 1892. She is of 4,750 tons displacement and has 8,300 horse-power engines with a speed of nineteen knots. She has two turrets, in each of which is one 7.5 inch breech loading gun. It was one of these that exploded. Her next largest guns are six 5.5 inch quick firers behind shields. The turrets and guns are worked electrically. She carries a crew of 350 men.

GATES DIDN'T SAY BRYAN.

Says There's No Question of Taft's Election—Stocks Up After a While.

John W. Gates, who was at his office for the first time yesterday since last spring, said that he had been erroneously quoted as saying that Bryan's chances were good. He declared that there is no question that Mr. Taft will be elected, with many votes to spare, and said that many of the Western States that are regarded as doubtful will poll big majorities for the Republican ticket.

"My opinion as to the stock market is not worth much just now," he said, "as I have been too busy attending to my own business to pay much attention to it, but I am convinced that while stocks will go still lower on account of politics, there are plenty of good securities which if bought now will yield the investor forty or fifty points profit."

FINED FOR POLO CRUELTY.

Alan Forbes of Boston Takes Appeal and Will Fight Case.

BOSTON, Sept. 22.—Alan Forbes, member of the Dedham polo team, was fined \$50 for unnecessary cruelty to a pony by Judge Sears in the Salem court to-day. Forbes appealed the case and was held in \$100 bonds. The horse in question is his pony Bartow and the cruelty charge is a result of a polo game at Hamilton on September 9.

Agent Clark said that he had in his office a warrant charging Malcolm Stevenson of New York with cruelty to his pony on September 9. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the Saratoga polo team. This team played in the tournament at Hamilton the same day as the Dedham team.

THE COLORADO DAMAGED.

Cruiser Comes Out of Dock With a Bad List to Port.

SAFARICO, Sept. 22.—A report reached here to-day that the cruiser Colorado, which has been in dry dock at Seattle since running aground at Lip Lip Point, developed a bad list to port when turned out of the dock yesterday. Several new plates had been adjusted on her bottom, and a thorough inspection seemed to show that the repairs were entirely satisfactory, but once afloat she listed badly.

NAT GOODWIN ASKS DIVORCE.

Files Scaled Bill of Complaint Against Maxine Elliott at Reno.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 22.—Nat C. Goodwin, through Attorneys Dodge and Harry of Reno and Garrott and Terrell of New York, filed a scaled bill of complaint for divorce against Bessie Hall Goodwin (Maxine Elliott) with the County Clerk here late yesterday afternoon. No particulars are obtainable concerning the nature of the charges.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22.—Maxine Elliott to-night denied all knowledge of the bill for divorce which her husband, Nat Goodwin, has filed at Reno, Nev.

"I have not yet been served with any papers and know absolutely nothing about the suit," said Miss Elliott. "Any attempt of Mr. Goodwin to name any correspondents will be pure blackmail. There are no grounds upon which he can sue me for divorce. I suppose he knows why he is doing it, but his reasons are not legitimate ones."

RAIN STOPS FOREST FIRE.

Downpour Came Just in Time to Save City of Bemidji.

HIGHWAYMAN IN OPERA HAT

ROBS A WOMAN IN TIMES SQUARE SUBWAY STATION.

Jolt of His Gloved Hand Under Her Chin Sent Her Over Backward and He Was Off With Her Chainlet—Purse in a Moment, Nobody Interfering.

A young man in evening dress who was going down into the subway station at Times Square yesterday night paused, knocked a woman under the chin and took away her silver chainlet purse containing \$30 as deftly as he might have flicked the ash off his cigarette. Then he disappeared.

Mrs. S. F. Stewart, a young widow who lives at Gramercy Court, 143 East Twenty-second street, was the woman. She had been dining at the Hotel Knickerbocker with an escort and intended going to the theatre with him. While he went to the telephone booth in the hotel Mrs. Stewart waited for him in the subway kiosk on the sidewalk just outside the hotel windows. She stood at the head of the stairs holding her skirts out of the way of the crowd that was passing in.

A tall, smooth-shaven young fellow in dinner coat and opera hat turned into the entrance, moved over against Mrs. Stewart and shot a gloved hand up under her chin. As she fell over backward she felt her chainlet purse being wrenched away.

Mrs. Stewart slipped screaming to the cement floor of the kiosk. The spectacle of a young woman in evening gown and opera cloak sprawled on the floor caused a lot of excitement for the Broadway crowd that was attracted to the subway entrance. In the mixup she managed to escape. With the good description of him that the police got from spectators they made a thorough search last night, but got no trace of him.

Mrs. Stewart, when she was helped to her feet, declined assistance and went home.

EULENBURG OUT OF PRISON.

Berlin Court Frees Prince Involved in Court Scandal Because of Illness.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—On application of counsel for Prince Philip von Eulenburg the Prince, who is accused of perjury in connection with the "Round Table" scandale, was released from custody to-day in consequence of medical testimony as to the state of his health.

POP ANSON'S DAUGHTER WEDS.

She and a Bank Clerk Go From Montclair to Hoboken, N. J.

Dorothy Anson, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Adrian C. Anson of Chicago, the former baseball captain and until last May the County Clerk of Cook county, ran away from the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter H. Clough, at 19 South Willow street, Montclair, last night and was married at Hoboken to Arthur C. Dodge, clerk in a Montclair bank.

The young woman went with Dodge to the office of Justice of the Peace Samuel Engler at 57 Newark street early in the evening. Both appeared calm and when Engler made out the marriage license Miss Anson asked him if county clerks had authority to perform marriages in New Jersey. Engler told her he could do the job.

Miss Anson said that she was 19 years old, the daughter of Adrian C. Anson, of Chicago, and that her home was at 164 Thirteenth street, Chicago. Dodge said he lived in Montclair and was a bank clerk.

Neither Justice Engler nor either of the persons he called in to witness the ceremony asked the bride or the bridegroom why they had come to Hoboken to be married, and no one bothered to ask the young woman if she was the daughter of Pop Anson.

After the ceremony had been performed the couple hurried out of the Justice's office and walked toward the ferryhouse.

Walter H. Clough, at whose home Miss Anson has been living for the last year, is vice-president and director of the George A. Fuller Company. He had heard nothing of the marriage until informed over the telephone by THE SUN.

"It is a great surprise to us," he said. "We rather expected that something had happened, as Dorothy went out at about 5:30 and said she would be back for dinner. Dodge is a good enough chap, and I am sure no one regrets that they were married."

Mr. Clough said that Dorothy met Dodge soon after she went to Montclair to visit, and that Dodge has been keeping company with her steadily since that time. He said that he didn't believe Pop Anson would object to the marriage, but said the young woman may have thought he would.

Capt. Anson has four daughters. Dorothy being next to the youngest. Mrs. Clough is the eldest daughter and the second is Mrs. Adele Cherry of Chicago. The youngest daughter, Virginia, lives in Chicago with her father.

Late last night the couple had sent no word to their relatives in Montclair.

FURNISS FUND TRUSTEE.

Randolph Perkins Appointed Custodian of \$100,000 Left to Wm. Furness's Heirs.

RAIN, COMING.

Special Weather Prediction From Washington to Tell About It.

A special message was received at the local Weather Bureau office last night from Washington as follows:

"A barometric disturbance will cross the country from about the 24th to the 28th, attended by rains that will set in over the central valleys about the close of this week and extend over the Atlantic States by the beginning of next week."

LONG DROUGHT BROKEN.

Heavy Rain Sets in in Central West in Time to Save Fall Pastures.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The drought of three months duration throughout the central West was broken by a heavy rain which began falling at noon to-day and continued all afternoon and evening. Corn is made all well cured in most fields, but the rain will be of great value to fall pastures.

SUMMONS FOR J. J. ASTOR.

Served to He Leaves Steamer—Suits Involves \$200,000 Claim.

As John Jacob Astor was walking down the gangplank of the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie in Hoboken on his return from Europe yesterday, Constable Jim Bogie, who is attached to the Hudson county courts, served him with a summons as defendant in an action on a contract involving a claim of \$200,000. Mr. Astor took the paper with a smile and passed along the pier to his automobile.

The papers in the suit were filed at Trenton on behalf of Charles M. Meyers and Edward M. Collis, receivers of the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America. The writ is returnable at Trenton on October 1.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS FOUND.

H. S. Goodnow and Daughter of New York Without Food Thirty Hours.

FRANKFORT, N. H., Sept. 22.—H. S. Goodnow and his daughter of New York, who got lost while climbing Mount Echo yesterday morning, were found this afternoon near the Old Willey house fifteen miles from Bretton Woods. Goodnow and his daughter started at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and when they did not return at dusk searchers were sent out.

The daughter, who is 15 years old, was worn out by her all night tramp in the woods, and neither father nor daughter had had food for nearly thirty hours.

Mr. Goodnow lives at 25 Riverside Drive with his wife and two children, Elinor and Weston. He was graduated from Amherst in 1878 and taught mathematics and physics there for several years, when his health failed. His brother, F. J. Goodnow, lives at 40 Riverside Drive.

TAXIABLING ON 4 CENTS.

Mr. Clinton Visited Oyster Bay, Grandma in Harlem, Pa in the Bronx.

Melville A. Clinton hired a taxi cab at the Metropole yesterday to take him to Oyster Bay to see Secretary Loeb. Loeb had moved.

"Take me back," said Clinton. When he got back he could produce only four cents. He bade the driver take him to his grandmother's in 1894 street, where, he said, would pay the bill. She wouldn't. "Drive to my father's, 518 Ritter place, Bronx," said Clinton. "He'll pay."

Father wouldn't pay. The young man was looked up.

THE INHABITANTS FROZEN.

Sealers Report Finding a Siberian Equuman Village in Which All Were Dead.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—News reached here to-day of the discovery of a village in northern Siberia in which all the inhabitants had been frozen.

Sealers tell the story of a party of Indians who visited the place, which was an Esquimau village about the middle of June. There was no sign of life. They searched the place and found that every man, woman and child in it was frozen to death. The evidences showed that slow starvation had preceded death.

With their food all gone, the famishing Esquimaux had tried to eat their own clothing and tent covers, but the cold soon completed the work of hunger.

UP IN THE AIR 54 MINUTES.

Louis Malecot Makes a Fine Flight in His Balloon-Aeroplane.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 12.—Louis Malecot, the aeronaut, made a successful flight to-day with his balloon-aeroplane. He went from Issy to Chalais Meudon and back, being in the air 54 minutes.

JUSTICE DAYTON ILL.

Falls in a Vertigo at the Manhattan Club—Able to Get Home.

Justice Charles W. Dayton of the Supreme Court was taken ill at the Manhattan Club yesterday afternoon and fell to the floor from his chair.

BRYAN BACK AT ROOSEVELT

DEMANDS THAT HE PROVE HIS CHARGE AGAINST HASKELL.

Telegram to President Says: "Your Sense of Justice Would Prevent Sanction of Charge Without Proof"—Wants Roosevelt to Investigate.

DETROIT, Sept. 22.—William J. Bryan this afternoon threw down the gauntlet to President Roosevelt and the Republican party and every one else interested, in a telegram to Mr. Roosevelt rebuking the President for his attack on Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma and treasurer of the Democratic national committee, in consequence of allegations that the Oklahoma executive had had improper relations with the Standard Oil Company.

The following is the full text of Mr. Bryan's despatch:

"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

"DEAR SIR: In a statement given out by you yesterday and published in this morning's papers you indorse a charge made against Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, to the effect that he was once in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and as such employee was connected with an attempt to bribe or influence Attorney-General Monnett of Ohio to discontinue proceedings against the Standard Oil Company."

"In indorsing this charge you attack the Democratic party and its candidate, saying that 'Gov. Haskell stands high in the councils of Mr. Bryan, and is the treasurer of his national campaign committee.' And you add that 'the publication of this correspondence not merely justifies in striking fashion the action of the Administration but also casts a curious side light on the attacks made upon the Administration both in the Denver convention which nominated Mr. Bryan and in the course of Mr. Bryan's campaign.'"

"Your charge is so serious that I cannot allow it to go unnoticed. 'Gov. Haskell has denied that he was ever employed by the Standard Oil Company in any capacity or was ever connected in any way whatever with it or with the transaction upon which your charge is based.'"

"Gov. Haskell demanded an investigation at the time the charge was first made, offering to appear and testify, and he demands an investigation now. I agree with you that, if Gov. Haskell is guilty, as charged, he is unfit to be connected with the Democratic national committee, and I am sure you will agree with me that if he is innocent he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation."

"As the selection of Gov. Haskell as chairman of the committee on resolutions at the Democratic national convention, had my approval and indorsement, I feel it my duty to demand an immediate investigation of a charge against him indorsed by the President of the United States. Your high position as well as your sense of justice would prevent your giving sanction to such a charge without proof, and I respectfully request, therefore, that you furnish any proof which you have in your possession, or if you have no proof I request that you indicate a method by which the truth may be ascertained."

"Without consulting Mr. Haskell, I will agree that he will appear for investigation before any tribunal, public or private, which you may indicate, and I will further agree that his connection with the national committee and with the campaign shall cease in the event that the decision of such a tribunal connects him in any way with this charge. In case you, after an investigation of the facts, say that you believe him guilty of the charge made."

"As the candidate of the Democratic party, I shall not permit any responsible member of the Republican organization to misrepresent the attitude of the Democratic party in the present campaign."

"I have assisted you to the extent of my ability in remedying measures which I deemed for the public good which you have undertaken; I have urged Democrats to support such measures, and I have advocated more radical measures against private monopoly than either you or your party associates have been willing to undertake. The platform of the Democratic party is clear and specific on this subject, as on others, while the platform of the Republican party is uncertain and evasive."

"The Democratic candidate for Vice-President, Mr. Kern, joined with me in requesting the Democratic national committee to fix a maximum of \$10,000 for individual contributions and to publish before election all sums above \$100, and the committee acted favorably on this request. The Republican candidate and the Republican national committee proposed not publication before the election but publication after the election. I submit that our committee has given the better evidence of the freedom from connection with or obligation to the predatory interests."

"Our committee has not knowingly received a dollar from an official of any corporation known as a trust, and it will not receive any money from such. If any money is contributed by such persons without the knowledge of the committee it will be returned as soon as the fact is discovered."

"The Democratic party is making an honest and honorable fight in defense of the principles and policies enunciated in its platform and it expects and will demand fair, honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the Republican campaign. Very truly yours,

"W. J. BRYAN."

Mr. Bryan reached Detroit early this morning and made a brief speech from a hotel window. State Chairman Finlay of Ohio met the party here. Mr. Finlay declared there was no question that the Democrats would carry Ohio this fall.

"It was very close," said he, "but the Foraker exposures have shown to the public the rottenness we knew existed, and the Republican party is lost in our State."